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REHABILITATION OF AFFECTED PEOPLE OF BBMB
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) has acquired the land of villagers in Hoshiarpur district of Punjab at the time of construction of Bhakra Dam, and other power projects;

(b) if so, whether there was any proposal to provide alternative land in Rajasthan and constructed houses at Talwada in Hoshiarpur to the affected people of the projects;

(c) whether these people have been rehabilitated;

(d) if not, the time by which these people are likely to be rehabilitated and provided full facilities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (d) : About 15,177 acres of land was acquired by the erstwhile State of Punjab in the then Hoshiarpur district of Punjab for the construction of Bhakra Nangal Project out of which about 13,546 acres of land was acquired for the Gobind Sagar Reservoir from 110 villages of the then Una Tehsil in Hoshiarpur district. Now all these 110 villages form part of Una district in State of Himachal Pradesh. The land of these villages was acquired in full including abadi for the formation of Gobind Sagar Reservoir and the affected persons were rehabilitated in the then District Hisar of the erstwhile State of Punjab (now State of Haryana). Remaining land to the extent of about 1631 acres of land of 29 villages (now forming part of Ropar district of Punjab) was acquired for Nangal Dam, township and other infrastructure on payment of cash compensation.

About 2224 acres of land was acquired by Government of Punjab in Hoshiarpur district for the construction of project Township and Mukerian-Talwara Railway line under the Beas Project Unit-II. The land was acquired on payment of cash compensation. However, 13 oustees of Hoshiarpur district in Punjab were allotted land in Rajasthan.